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Sir:

In connection with the above referenced application, I am enclosing herewith:

- I. A reply to the office action of May 6, 2003, the reply including:
 - 1. A 57 page set of remarks with 26 Exhibits responsive to the May 6, 2003 action; and
 - 2. A petition to extend the time to reply by Three (3) Month.

No amendment fee is required based on the following calculation:

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The Patent and Trademark Office, however, is authorized to charge the following fees to deposit account number 09-0459 in the name of the International Business Company, the assignee of the current application:

1. Nine Hundred and Fifty (\$950) Dollars pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) and 37 CFR 1.136(a) for the requested Three (3) Month extension of time to respond to the official action.

In the event The Patent and Trademark Office determines that any adjustment to the fees due in this application are called for, appropriate further charges or credits may be made to the noted deposit account.

Should there are any questions in this matter, please feel free to contact me during business hour by telephone at (516) 488-2315. Your assistance is appreciated.

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Respectfully submitted

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